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THE USES OF ADVERSITY ARE STILL GOOD STYLE

"The leader can be of great assistance at this season by helping the club members whose work has not been outstanding," says Tennessee's State club paper, the 4-H CLUB LEADER. "Such club members are liable to become discouraged."

Just how discouraged a club member can be, Harry Arnold of Fayette County, Pa., knows, for one. In 1925 he joined a club and started feeding a pig, working diligently with round-up time in mind when he could match his skill at feeding porkers with that of the others in the club. But when final placings were made, not a ribbon even looked his way. This setback hurt. But after a while he remembered that there would be another round-up in another 12 months, and presently he started on the careful feeding and management of another pig.

According to all storybook rules, he would have carried off all ribbons offered this time, but the records only show that he got a modest 6th place and that his pig was admitted the best sow under 6 months of age in the show.

With this bit of encouragement and the confidence which two years' of experience gave him, Harry enlarged his business and fed four pigs for his third year's work. This time, when placings were made at the annual round-up, he was first in the promotion or futurity class and placed second in the club exhibits.

This last year he showed in open classes and won first in promotion litter, first and second on junior boars, second on sow, first on produce of dam, first on get of sire, and grand-champion junior boar of the show, selected from a class of 136 entries. A very heartening finish? Not only that; his records are posted to date and show a cheering balance on the credit side.

YES, surely the Tennessee advice is good.

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H e a l t h

Determination to make an enviable record on the H for health is reflected in club news from all sections.

Rhode Island clubs, says the State club paper, have been using the "half-score-half" method used at Camp Edwards, and have found that it takes scarcely longer by this method to score half the group than was formerly needed to score one individual member. The procedure is very simple. The group is divided in half, one half of the members holding the health-record books of the other half. With the leaders' assistance the points are taken up in the order mentioned in the books and entries made by those holding the books. Any abrupt changes in the scores are noted and reinspection made to insure correctness.

Saturday hikes are made a feature of the health program of one Rhode Island club this year, the Happy Hikers of Peace Dale. They mark their health scores during the stop for lunch and provide time also for health exercises, stunts, and songs.

Cheyenne County, Kans., has half a mind to claim a corner on health, having furnished the winner in the boys' health contest at the interstate fair, Sioux City, last year, and the State champion in both 1925 and 1927.

Speaking of sunflowers, there is the record of Sunflower County, Miss. For three out of four years a girl from this county has had the highest score or has tied for first place in the health contest held during the National Boys' and Girls' Club Congress in Chicago, and a boy from this county took third place in the Chicago contest last year. Two of these girls and the boy come from a single plantation in the county where their parents are tenants. The owner of this plantation is a staunch supporter of club work, serves as local leader, has made it possible for all his tenants to follow the State live-at-home program, and encouraged the boys and girls to enter the health contest.

School and health authorities have given heed to the home demonstration agents' plans regarding the H for health, making it possible for every club member to have annual physical examination.



The chairman of the Mississippi State Board of Health furnishes examiners for the State and district health contests of club members and encourages the county health units to cooperate by making the examinations of club members. This year a woman physician was provided to make two health examinations in any county where a health unit was unable to carry on the work, one examination at the beginning of the club project and another at the end, so that credit might be given for the greatest improvement in general health as well as for the highest degree of physical fitness.

South Carolina, Kentucky, and doubtless other States are carrying out this plan to measure and regard progress toward physical fitness.

NATIONAL DAIRY SHOW

All good dairy-club members faced toward Memphis, Tenn., October 15-22, pondering on the club activities at the National Dairy Exposition, or made the pilgrimage if possible. Approximately 350 4-H'ers were in the camp there, and the club judging demonstration and showmanship contests were lively bouts.

Twenty-four States were represented in the judging contest, the winning of which carries with it the privilege of representing the United States in the international dairy judging contest held in connection with the Royal Livestock Show in England. Nebraska's team, Jesse Bilyeau, Joe King, and Russell Hughes of Boone County, won. Jesse was also high individual in the contest.

With 19 States competing, South Dakota's team, Raymond Olson and Kenneth Heneghen, won the demonstration contest. Showmanship honors were contended for by breed, Wendell Wick of Jefferson County, N. Y., winning in the Ayrshire class; Ward Windsor of Chenango County, N. Y., was the Holstein champion showman; Orin Anderson of Dane County, Wis., carried off Guernsey honors; and Dallas Batchelor of Georgia, was best showman in the Jersey class. Grand-champion showmanship honors went to Wendell Wick.

Club activities were under the supervision of an advisory committee of State club leaders, T. A. Erickson of Minnesota, G. L. Herrington of Tennessee, and E. G. Jenkins of Maryland, I. W. Hill and R. A. Turner represented the U. S. D. A. in the club program.



Have You Heard

The business women's club of Saginaw, Mich., sponsored 4-H clothing clubs this year. Each business woman visited her club partner at least once during the summer, and at the end of the year's work the sewing-club girls were given a banquet by their partners. Each 4-H club girl gave the older member of her firm either 2 quarts of canned fruit or an equal quantity of vegetables. ¶

FIVE-YEAR-OLDS ATTEND BANQUET! Ninety-two 4-H club members of Hampden County, Mass., who had been in club work for five or more years, recently sat at a banquet given by H. A. Moses of Mittineague, Mass. To be exact, their average membership age was six years. One local club leader present had been in club work for 12 years and another for 11 years.

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As guests of the State fair of Texas, 319 prize-winning club girls from 61 counties of the State spent three days of fun and study in camp at the fair in October. Accompanied by the 25 home demonstration agents who chaperoned them, they spent one day studying the educational exhibits on the fairgrounds and one day visiting an unusually well-equipped grocery store, a department store, a hotel, and the zoo. A foot specialist gave a talk at the camp on "care of the feet." The girls chose a chairman, two assistants, song and yell leaders from their group. They also took charge of all group meetings and were hostesses for their guests at noon and night meals.

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South Dakota reports 1,381 farm boys and girls attending 4-H club camps this summer. Camps were held in every section of the State.

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A State camp for local leaders and extension agents was held at Brinkhaven, Ohio, this summer, with 160 people from 52 counties in attendance. Two district camps in the State were a new venture, with training for county camps as the keynote. One hundred and fifty-one young people came to them from 45 counties.



THE UNQUENCHABLE SPARK Six feet of water could not extinguish the 4-H club ardor of Latan Henderson, 12-year-old club boy of Hillsborough County, N. H., says a press release from the extension service of that State. Neither did it spoil Latan's cabbages. The water was a part of the misguided Merrimack River and for a while looked certain to submerge anybody's hopes of a 4-H garden championship. But Latan salvaged enough to complete a record which won for him the State 4-H garden championship, his exhibit at the horticultural show in Manchester being considered just about the best display of commercially packed vegetables yet made by a New Hampshire club member. Latan has been in club work two years. His older brother, Paul, a club member for five years, made a profit this year of about \$4 a square rod from cauliflower.

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Certificates showing that they had successfully completed all required work for the year were awarded 120 Mason County, W. Va., club members on their annual achievement day, November 12, at Point Pleasant. Nearly 200 members are enrolled in 18 clubs, and the 18 local leaders were all present for the occasion. These leaders have an organization of their own and meet at the county seat each month.

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County Agent E. P. Scott of Jackson County, Fla., reports the sale of a carload of barrows fed out by club boys. The boys had been working with this in mind since early last spring.

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"Achievement and club beginning day" was celebrated October 6 by Scott County, Minn., club members under the direction of the county agricultural agent, John Shcay. "Beginning right" was emphasized.

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FULL UP The boys' and girls' poultry show at the Trenton (N. J.) Fair has just about reached its limits in size. It has been a lusty grower - 140 club birds in the show four years ago; 710 this year. And these 4-H poultrymen have repeatedly shown ability to win in competition with their elders, says NEW JERSEY AGRICULTURE for October 1927. But, having gone as far as they can in quantity, these New Jerseyans propose to turn all energies toward quality and give the world something really worth while to talk about.

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There were 25 club camps and short courses held in Virginia this year with a total attendance of 2,877.



Limberlost 4-H Club of Wayne County, W. Va., composed of 7 boys has a log cabin for clubhouse. It was built by the boys as a club project.

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Forestry projects are now a recognized part of club work in 14 Wisconsin counties. The champion demonstration team at the Wisconsin State Fair this year, coming from Oneida County, won on a forestry demonstration. W. McNeal, assistant State club leader, has supervision of this project.

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Two former club members of Michigan are serving as officers in State breeders' associations. Sidney Phillips, a former club member of Eaton County, is the 1927 president of the Michigan Duroc Jersey Swine Association and William Woods of Jackson County, is president of the Poland swine breeders' association.

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Four booths at the Frederick (Md.) Fair showed two phases of club girls' work. In the first booth, a girl in old-fashioned costume sat at her desk eating a poor school lunch with a shelf of medicine on the wall. The next booth showed her in a modern school with proper lunch and a shelf of canned fruits and vegetables for tonics. In a third booth a girl in old-fashioned costume worked on patchwork while in the fourth booth a girl appeared wearing a school dress made in 4-H club work. Fourteen girls representing 8 clubs were in charge of the booths--two girls each day. They had been trained for their work the week before by the county home demonstration agent, Katherine L. Baker.

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The tenth annual junior livestock show held at South St. Paul, Minn., November 8-10, was attended by 600 boys and girls. Entries came from 75 counties. The list of exhibits occupied an entire page of the SAINT PAUL PIONEER PRESS, which published a special junior livestock show section. Classes included baby beef, hogs, lambs, chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys. The McKerrow trophy, given by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association as a memorial to the late W. A. McKerrow, who brought about the holding of the annual junior livestock show, was awarded to Jeanne Tellier of Dakota County. The trophy is awarded annually on a record for length of membership, consistency of the club record, improvement shown year by year, and the importance of prizes won. In an editorial on the show, the SAINT PAUL PIONEER PRESS says, "Between the spread of knowledge and the increase in the number of competitors, the youngster who wins has earned it, and those not so fortunate are winners also, in added knowledge."



F State to judge ton litters of club members on considerations other than weight - claimed by Washington. To avoid encouraging the production of overweight pigs which their market does not like, the ton-litter prizes for club members at the Washington State fair this year went to the litters which scored in both production and marketing requirements. The litters were judged on economy of gain, 30 per cent; uniformity of size and conformity, 30 per cent; and degree and quality of finish, 40 per cent. To qualify the litter had to weigh a ton from 180 days of feeding.

R 4-H insect-pest club work in Oklahoma was in the "plan" stage November 28 when the Agricultural News Service clip sheet describing it was issued, but it is now ready to get into action. C. S. Rude, insect-control specialist of Oklahoma Extension Service, is assisting in the organization and will give personal attention to the club members' work. The object of the new enterprise is to help the members to protect their products from damage by insects. The pest work is to be carried on by club members in addition to one other line of work, or more, and it is expected that usually the pest work will be supplemental to the productive line, although this is not required. Each member will prepare a collection of insect pests and keep a notebook giving name, life habits, and methods of control. The extension workers will assist in identifying the insects collected and in furnishing or suggesting literature. Each collection is to contain not less than 10 pests.

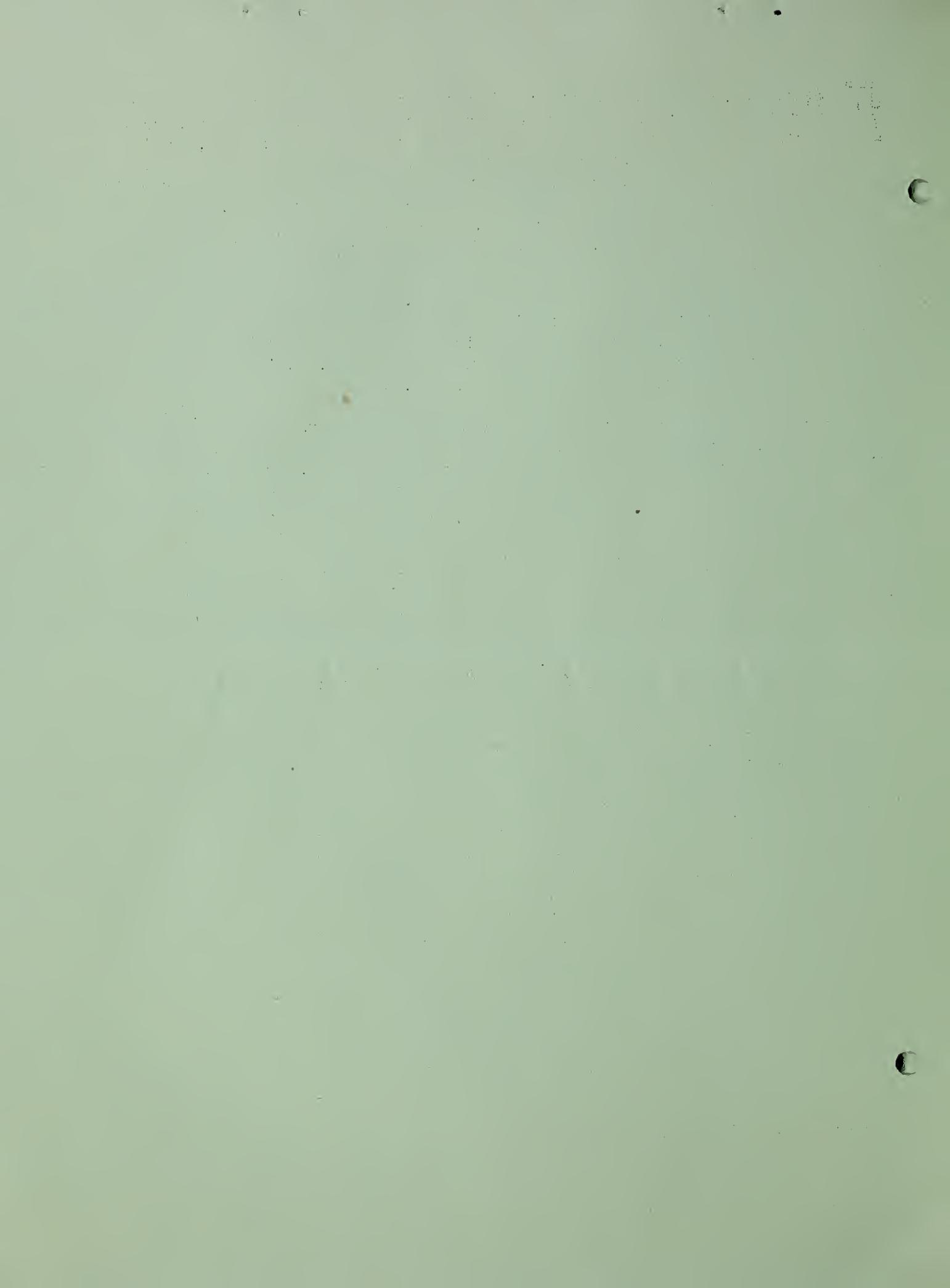
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"ALL BOY" CANNING CLUB

Is this the first one? Connecticut has a club of 10 boys doing canning work, organized and led by Vito Luciani, member of the national poultry judging team and high man at the Madison Square Garden Poultry Show in 1926, for the past three years producer of the champion Ayrshire at Eastern States Exposition in Junior class. "Vito thinks," says State Club Leader A. J. Brundage, "that if girls can win prizes on livestock, there isn't any reason why boys should not take part in home-making activities." Vito, himself, entered the judging contest in canning at the State Fair this year and placed second, 0.5 of a point under the highest, in competition with 30 girls.





C A L E N D A R

IOWA - Boys' short course, Ames,
Boys' leaders' conference, Ames,
December 27-30, 1927.

Girls' short course, Ames, June 12-15, 1928.

MAINE - State contest, December 29-31, 1927.

NORTH CAROLINA - Two recreational short courses for
local leaders and advanced club members,
Raleigh, February, 1928.

SOUTH DAKOTA - Junior short course for 4-H club
members, Brookings, December 27-30, 1927.

VIRGINIA - Annual meeting of farm and home demon-
stration agents, Blacksburg, one and a
half days' discussion of 4-H club work,
January 16-22, 1928.

UTAH - School in recreational activities, Logan,
November 28-30, 1927.

"Every dollar the taxpayer expends in boys' and girls' club
work comes back to himself with interest," said Governor John Hammill,
of Iowa, in an address to club members at Iowa State Fair.

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"If you belong one year, you'll belong the next year because
you'll like it so much."

Rene Palardy, Providence, R. I., club member.

New State officers for Iowa 4-H girls' clubs were elected at
a general assembly held one morning of the State fair. A president
vice president, secretary, treasurer, and historian were elected. They
were elected to hold office only until the short course at Iowa State
College, Ames, which will hereafter be the election occasion.

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THE GAUNTLET CLUB

Franklin County, Me., doughty challenger in the field of 1926 completions, produces a new record for 1927 and wants to know what counties can report a better figure. Of the 257 projects enrolled, "meaning those who agreed to do club work, not just those who actually started projects," 232, or 98 per cent, were completed. Agricultural Agent G. E. Lord and Home Demonstration Agent Sara L. Quincy have charge of club work in the county.

The record of Mrs. F. E. Converse in Calhoun County, Mich., was not submitted as a challenge, but it seems to the CLUB LEADER to offer one. Mrs. Converse has been actively engaged as a local club leader in her community since the establishment of 4-H club work in Michigan. On February 6, 1928, at 7.15 p.m., eastern standard time, Mrs. Converse will talk over radio station WKAR on her 13 years' experience as a local leader in 4-H club work."

ATTENTION, MASSACHUSETTS, OHIO COLORADO!

New Hampshire has a 4-H club member, Emily Perkins of Belknap County, who is completing her ninth CALENDAR year of club work. She has taken garden, canning, clothing, and pig projects, won prizes in all of them and has been county champion in canning, clothing, and pig raising. For the last few years she has been an assistant leader in her home community club and also has assisted the leader in a near-by community.



Among Ourselves

LOCAL CLUB LEADER'S GUIDE

"The following method of measurement is suggested as a guide for the local leader in calling attention to some of the points that should be kept in mind in dealing successfully with the club group.

1. Ability to inspire confidence:

- Do I 'set the pattern' for the young people of my club?
- Am I impartial in my dealings, or do I have favorites?
- Do I develop, on the part of the young people, enthusiasm and eagerness to push forward?
- Do my contacts result in enthusiasm toward the work of leading clubs?

2. Ability to get and use the ideas of members:

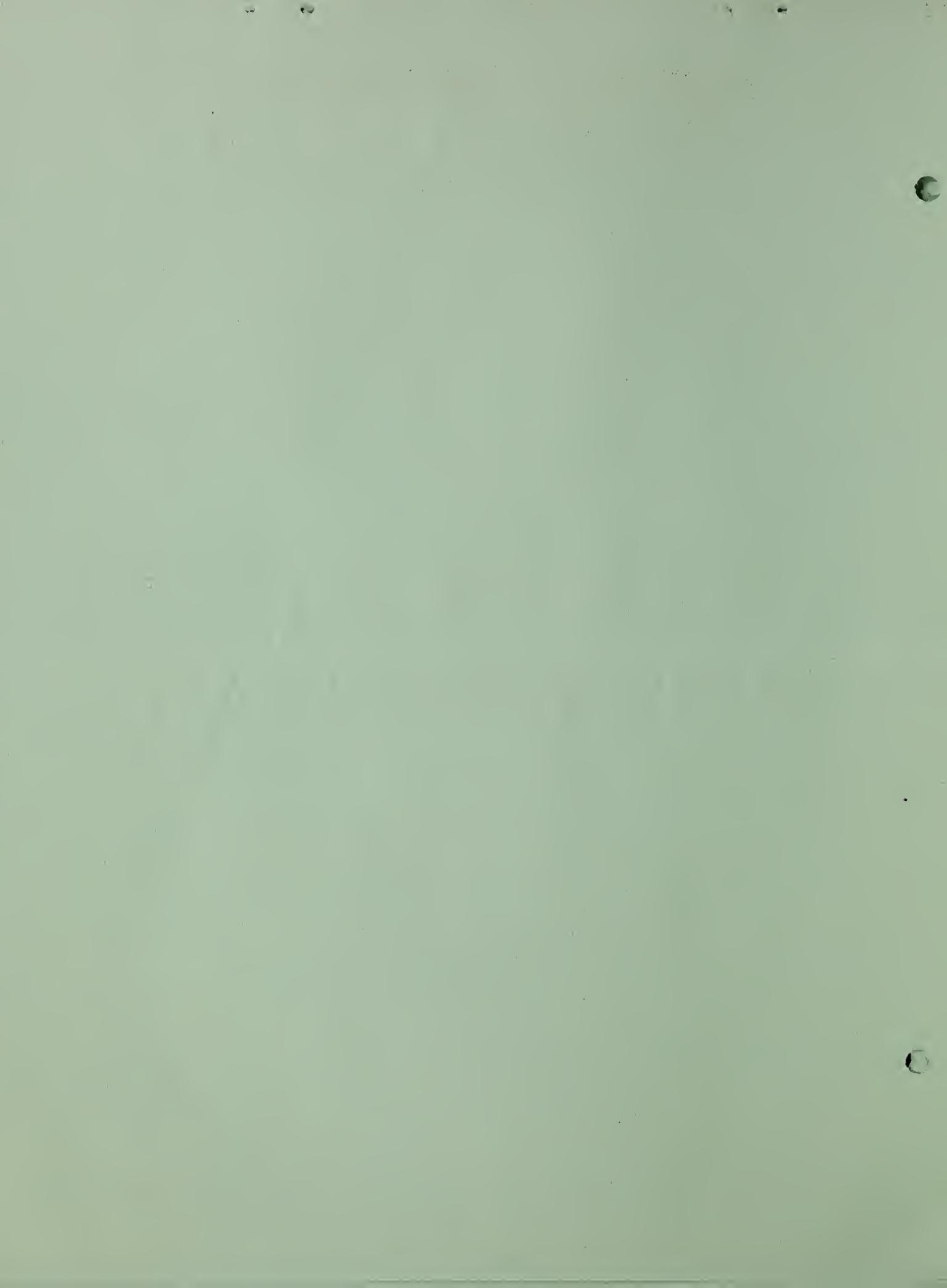
- Do I give boys and girls opportunity to express their ideas in working out plans of work?
- Do I try to use the suggestions?
- Do I give credit to those who contribute constructive ideas?

3. Ability to place responsibility:

- Do I plan my work carefully?
- Do I distribute responsibility in accordance with capacity for work?
- Do I provide young people with adequate opportunity for further growth?
- Am I on the watch for potential leadership? What opportunities am I providing for its development?
- Do I develop an attitude on the part of the members to forego personal pleasures for the good of the group?
- Have I enlarged their goal for future community development?
- Were I to leave the community how long could the members carry on alone?

4. Ability to get the work done correctly:

- Have I worked out definite plans for the club year with each one of those given responsibility?
- Do they understand the club literature sufficiently to be intelligently guided by it?
- Are the instructions that I am giving young people through conferences, personal interviews, and demonstrations, simple, definite, interesting, adequate?
- Do I keep sufficiently in touch with those given responsibility so that I know how well each is working?
- What are their limitations? How can I lessen them?



5. Ability to develop teamwork:

Does each member feel that he has a part in general club and community undertakings?

Do the members enjoy discussing their problems together?

Do they assist in working out plans for club work?

6. Ability to develop self-confidence:

Do I give young people as leaders sufficient backing?

Does the training given them develop ability to go forward with the work and a desire to help the newer, more inexperienced ones?"

Gertrude L. Warren
(Gertrude L. Warren)

Organization of Boys' and Girls' Club Work.

An article on "4-H Boys' and Girls' Club Work," by H. C. Seymour, appears in the OREGON EDUCATIONAL JOURNAL, October, 1927, pages 18 to 52. It is illustrated by a photograph of the new club building at the fair-grounds in Gresham, Oreg., which was dedicated August 2.

A new circular entitled "A Day at Jackson's Mill" has just been published by the West Virginia Extension Division. The story of the State 4-H camp and the purpose for which it exists are told in pictures.

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